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Column One
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DR. Mossadegh is a tedious old gentleman. His brand of Nationalism may have become tedious as well. His histrionics, exercised as vigorously by prisoner as by premier, have become a trifle "ham"; and by their grotesque exaggerations may have caused many Persians to suspect, also, the Nationalisms of Mullah Kashani, Mr. Makki, who leads the National Front, and Dr. Baghai, leader of the Workers' Party. The Shah and General Zahedi appear to think so; and have been encouraged in their belief by two facts — first, the absence of any really serious public resistance to the trial of Dr. Mossadegh; and, secondly, the failure of Mullah Kashani to gather about him a genuine and effective popular opposition to the resumption of relations with Britain and the re-opening of oil negotiations.

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AGGRESSIVE Nationalism, like most excitements, probably begins to pall after awhile unless it shows a profit. Sooner or later the Nationalist himself begins to long for the quiet life or at any rate for a regular wage-packet. Mossadegh's Nationalism buttered no Persian parsnips. His nationalized oil did not make the lamps of Iranian enlightenment burn brighter. His skill at that favourite sport of Islam, Britain-baiting, brought no trophies. His theatrical snubbing of America served only to cut off funds at a time when nobody would buy his nationalized oil except in pennyworths. His reckless challenge to the "Imperialists" of the West got no reward from Russia. Thanks to good harvests the economy of the country stood up better than it might have done to the extraordinary tantrums of Mossadegh and the policies that emerged from them; but it could not have stood up much longer to the disorder and disillusion that had apparently come upon the nation.

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IT would be dangerous to pretend that the recession, in Persia, of nationalist fanaticism means that nationalist fanaticism elsewhere is likely to wane. In any event, Mossadeghism is not Nationalism. What is happening in Indo-China, in Tunisia, and Morocco, even in Egypt, is something quite different. At the same time it would be just as dangerous to infer from Mossadegh's dramatic discomfiture that there is no real sense of national pride in Persia. Abadan was more than an object of envy to the Persians; its wealth more than an incitement. It was a challenge to every Persian who could rid himself of that national sloth which has been the curse of his country and is the curse of so many Islamic countries. Mossadegh played the fool; but his support derived from a popular feeling that his clowning concealed the fervour of a true patriot.

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THE test of Persian feeling should come with the elections. General Zahedi's decision to submit himself to the country just now shows confidence and some courage: whether confidence in the electors or in those who will administer the elections, there is no saying. His decision to renew relations with Britain and begin the oil negotiations all over again also showed confidence and courage, in which, from all accounts, he was helped by the State Department's oil consultant, Mr. Herbert Hoover. Mr. Hoover was able to prove to him that Persian oil was by way of being a drug on the market: odd, too, when you think of what was said and written after the Abadan seizure; but there it is: all at once nobody desperately wants Persia's oil, and it is really to help the Shah and his repentant subjects that the British and American Governments are now willing to work out marketing schemes and start the Persian oil industry moving.

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IT is, of course, a fact that under present conditions there is quite enough oil without Persia's. The Persians could be left to fry in their own oil for years, and no western furnace or petrol tank be the worse for it. Nationalism in those circumstances cannot be worth the candle. If war should come, the circumstances would change; but war cannot always be depended upon and it is obviously wiser for the Persians to cut their losses and get what they can out of their oil through a deal with those who know how to market it. The task of General Zahedi is to prove to the people what Mr. Hoover has proved to him — that their contest with the West is hopelessly unequal and impoverishing; and that the ludicrous posturings of a Dr. Mossadegh represent only a distortion of their Nationalist feelings. If he is to carry out this task convincingly, he will need some assurance that the West is ready to work out an oil settlement that will take full account of the needs and sensitivities of the Persian people: upon that assurance and its faithful performance a good deal may depend, with a direct bearing on the attitude of other Middle East countries to the western Powers.

Jerusalem, December 21.

Cabinet Has Misgivings Over UN Resolution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.N. draft resolution on the B'not Ya'acov project, the $75m. consolidation loan, and the proposed issue of new State of Israel Bonds were discussed at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday.

Both in the survey of Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and in the discussion, the opinion was voiced that the draft resolution on the Bnot Ya'acov project contains grave imperfections, the Government spokesman said. The fact that the draft is now being attacked by the Arab States and their supporters does not justify, in the Cabinet's opinion, ignoring the proposed resolution's serious and far-reaching shortcomings.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, reported on his mission to the U.S.

His report on consultations with Bond Drive leaders was followed by a suggestion that the Economic Ministers' Committee draft a bill legalizing a second bond issue. The issue would be called State of Israel Bonds-Development Loan to distinguish it from the first issue, called the Independence Loan.

CABINET COMMUNIQUE

The official communique stated:

At the Cabinet's weekly session held yesterday, the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, reviewed the deliberations of the Security Council, and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, reported on his activities in the U.S.

The Economic Ministers' Committee was entrusted with the task of approving the bill on the State of Israel Bond issue in the U.S.

Eshkol Confident

The Government will reconsider the problem of foreign exchange control, if the $75m. consolidation loan in the U.S. is successful, the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, stated earlier at a press conference.

Mr. Eshkol, who was deeply impressed with the conference he attended, felt confident that the $75m. target will be reached. The loan, it was learned, is to be repaid in five annual instalments from U.J.A. funds. The Finance Minister predicted that funds from this loan will begin to be available within the next two or three months.

The participants at the conference indicated their readiness both to advance personal funds, as well as to guarantee loans from banks for the purpose of consolidation of short term debts.

Replying to a question regarding the possible influence of the consolidation loan on the Development Bonds issue, Mr. Eshkol said that there are possibilities that funds loaned for the former purpose later may be converted into Bonds.

The Finance Minister thought that the Bond Drive would bring in about $37m. — $38m. during 1953, and that its estimated share in the Development Budget ($32m. for nine months) would be reached.

Bond drive activities will be extended to several Latin American countries, as well as in Europe, he added.

4 Governments Told Of Suez Seizure

The Israel missions in Rome, Paris, London and Stockholm have been ordered by the Foreign Ministry to make representations to the Italian, French, British and Swedish Governments regarding Egypt's confiscation of 140 tons of meat bound for Israel. This order followed the formal protest to the Security Council on Friday.

Italy, whose ship Franca Maria was carrying the cargo, is not a member of the U.N., and Sweden has no representative on the Security Council but is one of the maritime nations using the Suez Canal.

It will be recalled that a similar case occurred in November 1952, when the Norwegian vessel 'Rimfrost' was detained and 120 tons of Eritrean meat impounded. In September 1953, the Greek ship, 'Pamon,' loaded with asphalt and Kaiser Frazer cars, was also stopped at Port Said, but the cargo was left intact. In both cases, diplomatic pressure on the Egyptian authorities led them to free the vessels and their cargoes.

Since then, however, Egypt has extended her embargo on war materials for Israel to include foodstuffs. The Ethiopian Government is anxious to consolidate its meat trade with Israel, and was largely responsible for securing passage of the Rimfrost cargo.

Israel Barred From Telephone Meeting

KARACHI, Sunday (INA). — A plan to integrate telecommunications for the countries of the Middle East and Southeast Asia, from the Mediterranean coast to Hong Kong, has emerged from the deliberations of a sub-committee of the International Telephone Consultative Committee which met in Lahore earlier this month.

Israel, whose delegate was refused a visa by the Pakistan Government, was the only Asian Middle Eastern nation which did not attend the Conference. Israel cabled the Committee protesting its "failure to guarantee a member the elementary right of representation at an international conference." The delegate reserved the right "to request modification of any plan adopted by the meeting in the absence of an Israel representative."

Arabs Try to Wean Italy From Israel

ROME, Sunday (AP). — Ahmed el-Shukeiry, Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League, who arrived here recently, has discussed the Jerusalem question with officials of the Vatican and the Italian Government, well-informed sources report. Discussion of this topic was the purpose of his visit to other European capitals.

It is pointed out here that Italy is the first Western Power to recognize Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel in that the new Italian Minister recently presented a copy of his credentials to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett there. The League's Secretary General was requested to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the "unfavourable effect provoked by its benevolent policy towards Israel" and by the contemplated development of economic relations between the two countries, the sources say.

El Shukeiry is also reported to have discussed other issues affecting Egyptian-Italian relations. The presence of ex-King Farouk in Italy, regarded as disturbing by Cairo military chiefs, was one of the items discussed, it is understood.

'Franca Maria' Drops Anchor in Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — The s.s. Franca Maria, which left Massawa, Eritrea, for Israel ten days ago and had her cargo of 133 tons of frozen meat and 20 tons of hides confiscated by the Egyptian authorities, arrived here this morning.

Her captain, Antonio Majolio, said that at Port Said, four days after leaving Massawa, the Egyptians declared that foodstuffs were now considered as military supplies under a new regulation that had become effective on December 7. They even wanted to fine him for the breach of Egyptian law, he said, but this was waived on the intervention of the Italian Consul.

Citrus Exchange Rate To Be Discussed

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Citrus Marketing Board will discuss the rate of exchange for citrus exports on Wednesday, after talks with Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol, Board circles disclosed here tonight.

Citrus picking has been discontinued because of the heavy rains. Hail throughout the citrus grove area in recent days inflicted damage on about 10% of the fruit, which is equivalent to the total average winter hail damage.

Heavy hail which fell in the Migdal Ashkelon area this morning caused extensive damage to citrus and banana groves and to vegetable fields.

First Radios Shipped To Turkey

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The first consignment of 100 locallymade radio sets, out of a total order for 800 valued at $40,000, was shipped to Turkey today. The sets were made by the Citron Engineering Company.

Mr. M. Goren, the firm's manager, denied press reports that the export of these sets, in exchange for figs and other Turkish products, is uneconomical. Imported parts for the radios amount to only 30-35% of the export price, he said.

In any case, the Government receives 10% of the export dollars as transfer charges, while another 40% are kept by the Ministry of Finance and paid the exporting company in local currency. The balance is used by the exporter for the purchase of his raw materials from abroad.

GASS TO U.S.

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Mr. Oscar Gass, Director of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, left by L.A.I. today on his way to the U.S. on a six weeks visit on behalf of the Council.

Also aboard the plane were Mr. Jerome Robbins, the American dancer, returning to the U.S. after a short visit, and M. Pierre Ansiau, director of the Belgo-Continentale Company, which is carrying out copper mining research in the Negev.

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'Be Firm, Patient,' Over Suez Issue, Nagib Says

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — President Nagib today reviewed with his chief lieutenants the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Canal Zone and told reporters later that Egypt must be "patient but firm."

He said that the country must not weaken in the face of "manoeuvres or speeches by Sir Winston Churchill or Mr. Anthony Eden."

His statement was an indication of new moves in the dispute which hinges on Britain's demand that the Zone be maintained efficiently as a Middle East defence bastion when British troops pull out.

Nagib told reporters: "We have reviewed the situation in London and Washington and have compared it with our situation here. We must stand firm because we want our rights."

Stevenson Meets Fawzi

British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson met Foreign Minister Mahmud Fawzi yesterday in the first of a series of conferences which may lead to early resumption of the talks.

American Ambassador Jefferson Caffery again was reported to have advised Egyptian leaders against taking any hasty action which might weaken the chances of a settlement.

In London, meanwhile, three Conservative Members of Parliament have declined Nagib's invitation to visit Egypt, intimating that the time is inopportune. Nagib had invited five Conservative and five Labour M.P.s.

Tory 'Rebels' Say Treaty With Egypt Need Not End

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was under attack from a group of fellow Conservatives today for his statement in Parliament last Thursday that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal Zone would expire in 1956.

Members of the Conservative "rebel" group opposing the Government's policy of negotiating with Egypt and who tabled a motion urging that negotiations should cease, said that Mr. Eden should have been aware that no date was set for terminating the Anglo-Egyptian agreement which he had signed personally in 1936.

They cited the Treaty's articles 8 and 16 which state that "at any time after 20 years," Britain and Egypt would negotiate any revisions to the Agreement and that "any revision will provide for continuation of the Alliance."

UK Asked to Intervene In Claims on Austria

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—The Board of Deputies of British Jews today urged Britain and the Allied Powers to "use their influence with the Austrian Government" to secure a settlement of claims presented by the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria.

It was announced on Friday that negotiations between Austria and the Joint Executive Board for Jewish Claims in Austria had been broken off. The Board's Chairman, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, blamed Austria for refusing to discuss claims on former Jewish property that had been left without heirs.

Mr. Barnett Janner, M.P., and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Board of Deputies, announced this evening that he had postponed a scheduled visit to Israel in order to head a delegation from the Board to the Foreign Office tomorrow on the question of Austrian restitution.

IRAQ TO BUILD ARMS FACTORIES

General Hussein Chamash, Iraqi Defence Minister, announced in Baghdad yesterday that the Government has allocated 70m. dinars for defence purposes, NEABS reports. Part of this sum will be used to build arms, ammunition and airplane plants. The defence budget also includes subsidies for large numbers of Arab students from outside Iraq to study at Iraq Staff colleges.

US Zionist Leaders Arrive for Meeting

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Three American Zionist leaders arrived here by L.A.I. today to attend the forthcoming session of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem. They were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency Chairman in New York, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Member of the Agency Executive and Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists.

Dr. Goldmann said that press reports of a rupture of negotiations between representatives of Jewish organizations and the Austrian government on claims for $12m. compensation for Jewish victims of the Nazis were not correct, as there were in fact no negotiations to rupture. No talks had been held for the past two months.

The Austrian Chancellor, Mr. Julius Raab, Dr. Goldmann said, had asked him, as representative of the Jewish organizations concerned, to send experts to Vienna to discuss the matter. Dr. Goldmann's reply had been that until Mr. Raab declared his readiness to discuss the question of heirless property also, the talks could not be resumed and experts would not be sent.

While in West Germany last week, the Agency Chairman had discussed with German Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer, changes in the proposed Jewish restitution laws. It was to be hoped that next year the West Germans would continue to make available their sterling balances for the purchase by Israel of fuel under the Reparations agreement. The present arrangement for such payments is due to expire in April, 1954.

G.Z., Progressive Talks

During his three weeks in Israel, Dr. Goldmann added, he would discuss the unification of the General Zionist and Progressive parties here. "I'm for the maximum cooperation possible," he stated.

Dr. Neumann said he thought it imperative to set up immediately a "Jewish Council for Israel" in the U.S. to represent American Jewry and to step up Zionist propaganda there in order to unify all pro-Israel forces. He hoped that the "Jewish Council" idea would be adopted at the Jerusalem meeting of the Zionist General Council. The American Council should include both Zionists and non-Zionists.

The Zionist leader appealed for an increase in propaganda and publicity in the U.S. to counterbalance hostile propaganda.

The name of Mr. Mortimer May is being mentioned in the U.S. as the next possible President of the Z.O.A., he stated.

Dr. Goldstein said that he would also discuss the unification of the General Zionists and Progressives here. He added that he would oppose any suggestion before the Zionist Council for the inclusion of non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency Executive. "Only the Zionist Congress can rule on a matter like that," he pointed out.

POSTPONED BECAUSE OF WEATHER

The Executive of the Jewish Agency will begin meeting today to plan the agenda for the Conference of the Zionist General Council which is to start in Jerusalem on Thursday. The meetings of the Executive were scheduled to commence yesterday, but were postponed in view of the difficult weather.

'Come Home' Talks Resumed In Korea

PANMUNJOM, Sunday. — The Communists will conduct "Come Home" explanations to prisoners of war for the first time since November 16, a spokesman of the Indian Custodian Force said today. They will interview 250 Chinese prisoners who have refused repatriation.

Today, the U.N. Command again asked for "any or all of the prisoners held by the Communists who have not yet been interviewed."

Meanwhile, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson and Admiral Arthur Radford are on their way to the Far East by air today for what they described as a "routine trip."

They denied that their journey was in any way connected with fears that South Korea might try to wreck the truce next month.

Before taking off from Seattle, they told a press conference that their primary purpose is to attend the inauguration of Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay but that they would also call on South Korean President Rhee.

(Reuter, UP)

Communists Reinforce Control of Soviet Gov't

MOSCOW, Sunday (UP). — The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," commenting on the treason indictment of Lavrenti P. Beria, said today that the Government and Communist Party have adopted measures calling for constant control over 'activity of all links of the Soviet apparatus."

The newspaper revealed that the former Interior Minister had "saved spies sent into the U.S.S.R. from abroad from exposure and merited punishment."

The new measures "will ensure the steady observance of Soviet Socialist Law and the establishment of constant and systematic control of Party organizations over the activity of all links of the Soviet apparatus, including the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs," "Pravda" said.

This was the first editorial-comment by the paper since the announcement that Beria and six alleged accomplices had confessed to treason charges and would be tried by the Soviet Supreme Court.

J'lem Coalition Approves Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A vote of the right-wing coalition in the Jerusalem City Council last night endorsed the 1953/54 Budget together with amendments advocated by the Ministry of Interior, although opposition Councillors retorted that the IL.9.9m. budget bore no relation to reality.

In its amendments, the Ministry of Interior had cancelled allocations towards settling a current deficit in the Water Department, and outstanding debts which amount to IL.2,880,000.

After Mr. R. Shari (Mapai) declared that the present Budget is not worth the paper it is written on, Mayor Kariv pointed out that no activities can be carried out because all revenue goes directly to the Municipal pay-roll.

Mayor Kariv rebuked the City Treasurer for delaying the 1954 draft budget by neglecting the collection of estimates from department heads.

The Finance Committee should receive the draft next week, as it must be submitted to the Ministry of Interior before January 15.

"Unless we get substantial aid from the Government, we shall be unable to pay all Municipal salaries by Wednesday," the City Treasurer said.

Dam, Homes, Roads Flooded

Jerusalem Post Staff

The aftermath of the week-end's snow and rain storms set in yesterday bringing both blessing and misery. For farmers, especially those in the Negev, bumper crops are foreseen, since the rain came at the proper time and in the right quantity.

The dam at Kfar Yeroham in the Negev, which has a capacity of 1.5 m. cubic metres, held back 400,000 cubic metres from the weekend's downpour, according to a Water Planning Authority spokesman, bringing the hope of plentiful supplies of water to settlements in a large part of a heretofore barren area.

Road communications in the south, however, were cut by mud and the bus to Eilat could not get through. Drinking water was rushed from Beersheba to Sde Boker on Saturday when reserves were used up.

One Fatality

One fatality, in Jerusalem, was reported yesterday due to the weather. Mrs. Rachel Doas, 85, was fatally injured when she slipped down the icy steps of her home in Rehov Malahi.

The capital's sanitation workers reported late for work, and the Fire Brigade was alerted 12 times to pump out flooded cellars, most of them in the Katamon and Bet Israel quarters.

Snow and slush isolated some villages and ma'barot in the Jerusalem area, which had to be supplied with provisions by Army and Police units.

Shikun Amidar, near Kfar Yibne, was flooded yesterday; its 85 families submerged in waistdeep pools. Police waded in to evacuate 10 families; the others, all of them Yemenites, refused to leave their huts and buildings.

Thirty-four buildings and huts of the housing project are situated in lowlying terrain and a road embarkment, recently built there, blocked up the water in the village.

The level of the water was about 80 centimetres outside and 40 centimetres inside the two-family huts, in which most of the residents live. Workers were endeavouring to dig drainage holes through the embankment to release the water.

Moshav Yachin in the Negev and Moshav Sheetulim in the South were cut off today by swamps, and an airplane was sent to drop supplies of bread.

Lightning hit the hut of Mr. Moshe Sibhi in Tirat Shalom near Nes Ziona, but no one was injured. Rain continued there yesterday; 25.7mm. fell in the past three days, and the total for this season has reached 320.8mm. compared with 77.5mm. last year.

Snow fell on the mountain tops around Eilat yesterday, but in the town itself there was no rain and the weather was dry, but cold. The rain at Revivim in the Negev reached 20mm. in the past few days, a phenomenon in that part of the country.

In Beersheba 41mm. fell in the same period and the total rainfall this season has reached 95.2mm., more than 80% of the total average annual precipitation.

Sun in Tel Aviv

Rain was intermittent in Tel Aviv yesterday with some bright spells.

Heavy snowstorms continued in Syria, the Lebanon and Jordan yesterday, according to the Arab press. Damascus was isolated.

In Homs, 60 centimetres of snow fell. All shops were closed.

Lebanese mountain villages were cut off from Beirut.

Allenby Bridge, near Jericho, was flooded and there were no communications between the eastern and western banks of the Jordan.

The Old City of Jerusalem was

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Man Killed In Collision Of Truck and Bus

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — One man was killed and four injured today when a mail truck hit an Egged bus on the Yahud-Wilhelmina Road to Lydda Airport.

The mail truck was travelling rapidly in order to make the LAI plane to Rome when its fender hit the side of an Egged bus travelling in the opposite direction. The truck was overturned and the driver, Mr. Zvi Zadok, of Givat Amal, was killed instantly. Two other truck passengers were seriously injured, and two bus passengers were slightly hurt. Both vehicles were heavily damaged.

Laniel Leads as Voting Goes Into 9th Ballot

VERSAILLES, Sunday (Reuter). — The dramatic marathon Presidential race has ended its fourth day with no candidate managing to secure an absolute majority of Parliamentary votes on the eighth ballot here tonight.

Premier Joseph Laniel, (Moderate Conservative) stayed in the lead with 430 votes, 22 less than that required for election. His only listed rival, M. Marcel Naegelen, (Socialist) received 381 votes.

In the seventh ballot this afternoon, voting was Laniel, 407; Naegelen, 303 and Jean Medecin (Radical) 156. The Radicals then withdrew their candidate. They refused to ensure M. Laniel's victory on the eighth ballot by splitting their votes, with many going to the Socialist but a large number being deliberately dissipated among several unlisted candidates.

Versailles Carnival

The nation has been watching (literally, over television) what one Paris paper calls the "Carnival of Versailles," with a mixture of cynical amusement, amazement and disgust. It is unprecedented in French history that the contest for the highest office in the land should take on all the sordid aspects of the too-frequent elections for Premier.

The Presidency is a higher prize. The office is held for seven years and the post has become to be considered that of "umpire of the political parties." He can delay legislation and appoints the Premier.

A ninth ballot will probably be held tomorrow and it is thought that out-going President Vincent Auriol may be prevailed upon to submit his name for a second term. This he has so far bluntly refused to do.

Ike Outlines Home Policy

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). —President Eisenhower said last night that Congressional leaders have agreed to "cooperate fully" on his 1954 legislative programme to include a big military cut, lower taxes and a sharp crack-down on criminals and subversives.

The programme will soon be ready for Congress, he stated. Not only have Congressional leaders and Committee chairmen pledged their support, he added, but "I am confident that it will be supported by the great majority of our citizens."

When the three-day Conference of Congressmen closed, they announced their backing for the following administrative programme:

1. A cut in military spending by about $5,000m. making the defence budget $38,000m.

Income Tax Cut

2. To take no action to extend present laws letting the excess profits tax expire on January 1 and reducing individual income taxes by ten per cent on that date.

3. Provide new legislation for dealing with criminals and suspected Communists. This would call for bills allowing wire-tap evidence to be used in courts.

Other topics discussed, but some not yet in the form of concrete proposals, included farm policy, Taft-Hartley act, Foreign relations, postal rates, social security expansion, veterans' affairs and a variety of other delicate problems.

Mr. Eisenhower said that U.S. foreign policy will be based on one measuring stick — "Does it advance the interest of America?"

The domestic programme outlined, he added, will be designed to "give our people a guarantee that they can depend on this Administration to protect the security, the welfare and the economic stability of each individual citizen."

Ichilov Elected T.A. Deputy Mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Councillor Moshe Ichilov (Herut) tonight was elected Tel Aviv's Deputy Mayor by the votes of the new General Zionist — Herut — Religious Parties coalition against strong Opposition objections.

Mayor Haim Levanon, using the legal powers vested in him, delegated control of the Sewage and Planting Department to his Deputy, Mr. Saadia Shoshani; the Survey, Roads and Municipal Supplies Departments were delegated to Mr. Ichilov, who also gained control of the Municipal Hospital here and the Maternity Hospital at Hakirya as well as the Nurses' School.

Mr. Avraham Boyer (Hapoel Hamizrahi) the third Deputy Mayor, was put in charge of the Sanitation Department and was appointed Administrator of the city's by-laws dealing with markets.

'Rebel' Supports

When the vote was taken on whether a third Deputy is necessary, Dr. S. Fichelef, the ex-Herut Councillor who was expelled from the Party last week, abstained. He voted, however, for Mr. Ichilov as Deputy Mayor.

Mr. A. Kamini (Mapai) making a statement on the vote against the election of a third Deputy Mayor, spoke sharply, saying that the new coalition is an "unholy union aiming at the town's failure." It provided for "anti-social taxes and a faulty administration. The labour movement in this city would fight for a democratic municipality," he declared.

The extreme left-wing was even sharper, denouncing in terms bordering on abuse the "unsavoury business" behind the coalition agreement.

Shedding his usual sarcastic manner of speech, Mr. Ichilov said that after 25 years of experience in public affairs he was not afraid to undertake new duties invested in him.

Mr. Ichilov was Deputy Mayor of the Petah Tikva Council from 1936-1939. He is a member of the Directorate of the Farmers Federation and a member of the Herut Party Council.

Fakir Unbottled

LINZ, Austria, Sunday (Reuter).—Rayo, the bottled fakir, who has spent 53 weeks sealed in a glass bottle, gained his freedom today.

Curious Linz citizens and reporters saw him shatter with a hammer from the inside the bottle in which he has visited over 100 towns in Europe during the past year.

The emaciated Rayo, 53 years old, had to be assisted by two medical attendants into the waiting ambulance which took him to his home nearby.

Rayo's real name is Rudolf Schmied, and he has been a professional fakir for 25 years. While in his bottle, he lived on fruit juices, vitamin tablets and fruit. He lost 30 kilos weight.

National Elections In Bulgaria, Rumania

VIENNA, Sunday (UP). — Elections, were held today in Rumania and Bulgaria.

In Bulgaria, Prime Minister Vulko Chervenkov heads the list of the Communist "Fatherland Front," whose members provide the only candidates for the National Assembly.

Rumanians vote today for 135,000 members of People's Councils from among candidates of the People's Democratic Front, led by Prime Minister Gheoghe Gheorghiu-Dej.

Voting is compulsory in both countries. Results are expected tomorrow.

Anti-Soviet Spies Jailed in Berlin

BERLIN, Sunday (UP). —Three East-German women have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one-and-a-half to 15 years for spying on Russian troops in the Soviet zone, the official East German news agency, ADN, announced today.

All three were accused of supplying military and economic information to the "Fighting Group against Inhumanity," a West Berlin anti-Communist organization.

FUEL OFFICIAL BACK FROM MOSCOW

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Mr. Gideon Perlman, Deputy Director of the Fuel Division of the Ministry of Finance, returned by L.A.I. today from Rome, on his way back from Moscow. He spent three weeks in the Soviet capital discussing the supply of Soviet crude oil to Israel in exchange for citrus exports.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

An Iranian Military Court put off at the last moment last night its verdict in the six-week treason trial of former Premier Mohammed Mossadegh because of the illness of its chairman, Nasrollah Meghbeli.

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Social & Personal

A meeting in memory of Dr. David Werner Senator, former Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, was held last night by the Hebrew University and the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. Memorial addresses were delivered by Mr. B. Locker, Mr. Z. Shazar, Mr. M. Kol and Mr. M. Epstein for the Agency, and by Prof. Martin Buber on behalf of the University. Prof. M. Evenari, Vice-President of the University, presided.

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A conference on "Educational Problems in Youth Aliya" will be held by the School of Education of the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Education and Culture at 8.15 tonight at the Ratisbone Building, Hall 78, Jerusalem. Professor A.M. Dushkin will preside. Mr. M. Kol will speak on "Achievements and Problems of Youth Aliya," Mr. D. Umansky on "Absorption and Care of Difficult and Disturbed Children," and Mr. Y. Gaertner on "Training of Leaders in Youth Aliya." After a question period, Professor E. Simon will deliver the closing address. All persons interested in the educational problems of Youth Aliya are invited to attend.

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Dr Eric Weil of Paris will deliver a guest lecture under the auspices of the Hebrew University on "La Philosophie Existentialiste en France" at 8.30 tonight at the Terra Sancta Building, Room 31, Jerusalem. The public is invited.

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BIRTHS

LUFT — To Miriam (née Klug), wife of Mr. Edwin Luft, on December 20, 1953, at Elisha Hospital, Haifa — a son.

WEINSTEIN — To Rita (nee Bloom), wife of Mr. S. Weinstein, at the Imahut Hospital, Haifa — a daughter, Rachel-Goldia.

Remains of J.N.F. Founder Due Tomorrow

The remains of Professor Zvi Hermann Schapira are scheduled to be brought to Lydda Airport tomorrow from Cologne, Germany. Professor Schapira, who proposed the scheme for the founding of the Jewish National Fund, died in Cologne in 1898.

The remains will be reinterred in Givat Shaul cemetery.

AUSTRALIAN PIONEER DIES

MELBOURNE, Sunday (Reuter). — King O'Malley, one of Australia's most picturesque politicians in early Federation days and the last surviving member of the First Federal Parliament, of 1901, died here today. He was thought to be 96 years old, but no one knew his exact age.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS are now available on loan to organisations from the Audio-Visual Education Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture, St. Paul's Way, Jerusalem.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

- **Libraries:** — American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.
- **Archaeology:** — Permanent exhibition incl. maps & finds of the late Col. P.L.O. Guy excavations. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9-1, 4-6.
- **Exhibitions:** — "Painting and Sculpture in Israel," Old Masters. "Dancer," bronze, by Edgar Degas. "Modern French Graphics." Bezalel National Museum. 9-1, 2-5 p.m. Paintings by Ruth Schloss and Naftali Bezem. Artists' House. 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
- **Tour:** — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.
- **Film Show:** — Keren Hayesod. 11.30-12.30.
- **Play Reading:** — "Watch on the Rhine" by Lillian Hellman, auspices: The Jerusalem Dramatic Circle. Information Centre, U.S. Consulate General, Mamillah Road. 8 p.m.

TEL AVIV

- **Exhibition:** — "Leonardo the Artist and Man of Science," photographs and reproductions. "Illustrated Manuscripts," Sketches by Leopold Krakauer. Municipal Museum. 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
- **Theatre:** — "Saint Joan," Chamber Theatre. Mograbi 8 p.m.
- **Entertainment:** — Concert Noga Cafe, 8 to 12 p.m. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

- **Exhibitions:** — "Fifty Years of French Painting" — Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall. 9-1, 4-8 p.m. Oil paintings by Litwinowsky and ceramics by the painter Cahane — The "Traclyn" Art Gallery — 4 Reh. Baerwald opp. Zion Hotel. 10-1, 4-7.
- **Courses (in Hebrew):** — Pressmann: Bible course "Genesis" — Pevsner House, 7 p.m. (Please bring text).
- **Gramophone recital:** — Rossini's "Barber of Seville" — L.P. records — Pevsner House. 8 p.m.
- **Theatre:** — De-Re-Mi. "Countess Maritza," Operetta, Orah cinema. 6.15 & 9.30 p.m.

HERZLIA ON SEA

- **Entertainment:** — Dine and Dance at the Sharon Hotel.

THE HEBREW NATIONAL
OPERA
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tomorrow, Dec. 22, 8.15 p.m.
Rigoletto
Opera in 3 acts
(4 scenes) by
G. VERDI

TEL AVIV: HABIMAH
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 8.15 p.m.
Carmen
Opera in 4 acts by Bizet
Tickets: Bella, 67 Allenby Rd Tel Aviv, Tel. 4270 and at the Habimah box office.
Ramat Gan: Haharis
49 Rehov Bialik

Distribution Difficulties Blamed For High Cost of Vegetables

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The high cost of vegetables was the result of distribution difficulties, Deputy- Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Joseph Efrati, told a press conference here today. Mr. H. Gen, Director of the Economic Department of the Ministry, added that the profits of vegetable retailers were 100% and more and that they preferred handling small quantities at high cost rather than selling a lot cheaply.

Mr. Efrati spoke as Chairman of the Ministry's Vegetable Advisory Council on the last meeting of which he reported. He said that the country has come to a stage where its vegetable supply was assured throughout the year. Only the supply of onions caused any difficulty.

He announced that the area of peanuts would be increased from 25,000 dunams (this year) to 70,000 dunams (next year) with a planned expansion rising to 250,000 dunams. There was a good demand for peanuts in Europe at $200 a ton. Potato-growing would also be expanded and would satisfy the needs of the population.

He stated that it was not true that vegetable production should be decreased; the contrary was true as the major weapon against the high cost of vegetables was full production. On the other hand, he said that the Ministry would next year not control vegetable-growing, but would merely encourage production of certain types, mainly potatoes, peanuts and tomatoes, the last for puree.

Farmers are encouraged by means of a special fund to which vegetable-growers contribute between IL.2 and IL.5 per ton of vegetables marketed. The money is expended on loans to growers of those vegetables the production of which the Advisory Council considers worth expanding.

The total amount of vegetables marketed in the country since the Council came into being 20 months ago was 250,000 tons, of which 12,000 tons went to industry, 12,000 tons to feed cattle (as it was impossible to market them) and about 400 tons were spoiled and buried, Mr. Efrati said.

Mr. Y. Bechar, member of the Council and manager of Tenne, the middle class vegetable wholesalers group, claimed that prices would decline only if trade was made fairer and general price stability achieved.

Hundreds of Plastic Products on Show

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Hundreds of plastic products ranging in shape and weight from three-kilogram toilet seats to caps for tooth paste tubes and buttons are featured in the exhibition of the Israel Plastics Union which opened today in the permanent exhibition hall of the Manufacturers' Association building.

Twenty leading plastic manufacturers and the only factory producing plastic raw materials, "Serafon" in Rehovot, will be exhibiting their wares until December 24. The exhibition will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The exhibition was opened by Mr. A. Shenkar, President of the Manufacturers' Association, in the presence of dozens of industrialists, and Government officials. The plastics industry last year exported merchandise valued at $100,000, which amounts to about 50% of total production, Mr. [illegible] Rabinowitz, head of the Plastic Section of the Association, disclosed.

The finished products' have been improved and their importance for the country's economy has increased greatly in the last two years, Dr. A. Markowitz, head of the Chemical Department of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, noted.

Among the exhibited products were sun glasses product of Ben Tsur and Drouianoff, near Petah Tikva, and tiles for kitchen walls produced by Yarkon Plastic, of Tel Aviv.

The sun glasses were favourably accepted abroad, it was reported by a representative of the factory. The kitchen wall tiles at IL.7 per square metre were half as cheap as porcelain tiles.

At the Cinema

Two French Films

JEAN Delannoy's 'La Minute de Verite' (Edison, Jerusalem) is a serious, though not too serious variation of the theme 'Divorcons' (Sardou). Dr. Jean Gabin, called in to rescue a young painter who tried to gas himself, finds a photograph of his actress wife, Michele Morgan, in the studio.

On this day, their tenth wedding anniversary, Michele tells him the story, in flashbacks, of how she became jealous of his flirtation with a nurse, met the eccentric young painter, and tried to escape from him by going on tour with her theatre company. Though the problem is not too novel, atmosphere and acting are first rate.

The King Steps Out

EXCEPT for Rene Clair's disappointing 'Le Silence est d'or', where Maurice Chevalier is quite wasted since he is miscast, we have had to wait 15 years for a picture starring this perennial Paris playboy. We were the more delighted with Flers and Caillavet's farce 'Le Roi' (Arnon, Jerusalem) which gracefully and satirically portrays the society of the Third Republic; naughty but innocuous intrigues served as a delightful vehicle for subtle political satire on democracy and the infatuation with Paris of visiting Caledonian royalty, all in sparkling dialogue. When the king steps out for a hunting party, the wife of his statesman host, a former midinette, takes lessons in manners from Jou Jou, an actress, who had an affair with the king some eight years previously. All in all the visit turns out to be quite a love parade for Maurice Chevalier, singing some of the hit songs that have since been made popular over the wireless. A hilarious imbroglio from the Merry Widow period, starring such lovely creatures as Annie Ducaux and Sophie Desmarets.

—FRANGO

'Julius Caesar' Year's Best

HOLLYWOOD, Sunday (UP). — Hollywood's film version of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" has been chosen the best picture of 1953 by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures, it was disclosed today.

The film, which stars James Mason, Deborah Kerr, Marlon Brando, Louis Calhern and Greer Garson, headed a list of the Board's choice for the top ten pictures of the year.

Following "Julius Caesar," the Board selected the Western film "Shane" for the number two spot. Other selections, in the order chosen, were "From Here to Eternity," "Martin Luther," "Lili," "Roman Holiday," "Stalag 17," "Little Fugitive," "Mogambo," and "The Robe," (none of which have yet been shown in Israel).

As the best foreign film of the year, the Board chose "A Queen is Crowned." Second place went to "Moulin' Rouge"; third to "The Little World of Don Camillo"; fourth to "Strange Deception" and fifth to "Conquest of Everest."

Jean Simmons was selected the year's best film actress for her work in "Young Bess," "The Robe," and "The Actress."

James Mason was voted the year's best actor for his appearance in "Face to Face," "The Desert Rats," "The Man Between," and "Julius Caesar."

George Stevens was named the year's best director for "Shane."

In the realm of outstanding documentaries, the Board selected Walt Disney's "The Living Desert," the first feature-length film of his true life adventure series.

Wolves and West Brom Change Positions Again

By AKIVA KALMAN

The see-saw changing of positions at the top of the First Division of the English Football League continued on Saturday when Wolverhampton Wanderers, after a weak start against Manchester City at home, came back strongly for a 3-1 win, to take the top place in the table with 35 points.

This put them two points in front of West Bromwich Albion, who put up a weak show at Bolton against the Wanderers and were lucky to have gone down by only 2-1. Huddersfield Town, in third spot on a level with Burnley, with 30 points each, fought out an exciting home draw 2-2 against Arsenal. The "Gunners" forced a division of the goals and points with an equaliser by Lishman minutes from the end. Burnley kept in the championship race with a clear 2-0 victory over Charlton Athletic.

Chelsea continued their fine revival with a 5-1 win over Cupholders Blackpool and are now halfway up the table. McNichol netted a hat-trick for the "Pensioners." Luckless Liverpool went down by the same score at Manchester to the United. Fielding two new younsters, the Liverpuddlians played with 10 men after 14 minutes when their left back was carried off. They still foot the table below Sunderland, who drew at home with Newcastle, 1-1, and Middlesbro, who lost 0-1 at Preston.

Charles Fourth Hat-Trick

Leicester City and Doncaster Rovers still battle on for the top place in the Second Division. The City won 2-1 at home against West Ham United, and the Rovers won 2-0 away at Lincoln. Both have 31 points with Leicester on top because of a better goal average. Everton kept up in third spot with a 2-1 home win over Luton Town. Leeds United won 4-2 away at Rotherham and their sharp-shooting John Charles netted his fourth hat-trick of the season to help them. But Hull City's South African centre-forward did better by getting four of the eight by which his side defeated hapless Oldham, 8-0. The Athletic now are bottom four points behind Brentford and Bury. Notts County, bottom nine weeks ago, continued their great revival to hold Bury to a draw, and now are in 17th place.

Ipswich Town won 3-1 at Colchester and lead the Third Division (South) with 36 points. Southampton beat Crystal Palace 3-1 and are second, four points behind, followed by Brighton (30), Reading (28) and Northampton, whose winger netted four of the five for a 5-0 victory over Southend, fifth, with 27. Port Vale won 1-0 at Barnsley to keep their long lead in the Third Division (North). They are six in front of Gateshead, who won 1-0 at home over Southport. Next, both with 28 points are Bradford and Scunthorpe United. In this section young Connor scored the goal which gave Stockport County a 1-1 draw against Accrington Stanley. Since October 31, this youngster has netted in every match and has now 27 to his credit.

Headington Win Replay

In mid-week F.A. Cup replays the champions of the Southern League Headington United ousted Third Division side Millwall by 1-0, to bring the total of non-League sides in the Cup affray to four. Nuneaton Boro', the Birmingham League side, went down to another Third Division team, Queen's Park Rangers by 2-1, before a record 14,000 crowd.

There were exciting games in the Scottish League. Leaders Queen of the South remained top despite a 3-0 loss to Stirling Albion. They are two points in front of Hearts of Midlothian, who caused East Fife to drop their first point at home this season by forcing a 2-2 draw. Dundee beat Falkirk 1-0 and are third, three points behind the leaders but with a game in hand. Behind them, by one point, also with a game in hand, are Clyde who won 4-3 at Airdrie. They have gained 11 points from their last six games, five of which were away. Motherwell, who won 5-0 at home over Forfar, still lead Division B.

RESULTS:

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Div. I: Aston V. 1, Cardiff 2; Bolton W. 2, West Brom. 1; Burnley 2, Charlton 0; Chelsea 5, Blackp'l 1; Hudders'f'ld 2, Arsenal 2; Man. U. 5, Liverp'l 1; Preston N.E. 1, Mid'sbro 0; Sheff. U. 3, Portsm'th 1; Sunderl'd 1, Newcastle 1; Tottenham 3, Sheff. W. 1; Wolves 3, Man. C. 1. Div. II: Brentf'd 0, Derby 0; Bris. R. 1, Blackb'n 2; Everton 2, Luton 1; Hull C. 8, Oldham 0; Leic. C. 2, West Ham 1; Lincoln 0, Doncaster 2; Notts C. 0, Bury 0; Plym'th 1, Notts. F. 0; Roth'ham 2, Leeds 4; Stoke 1, Fulham 3; Swansea 1, Birm'gham 3. Div. III (S): Brighton 1, Torquay 3; Colch'ter 1, Ipswich 3; Exeter 3, Walsall 1; Leyton 1, Cov. C. 0; Millwall 2, Bournem'th 1; Newp't 2, Swindon 0; N'hampton 5, S'thend 0; Norwich 3, Ald'shot 3; Q.P.R. 0, Bris. C. 1; Read'g 0, Gill'ham 1; S'hampton 3, Cry. P. 1; Watf'd 3, Shrewsb'y 1. Div. III (N): Barnsl'y 0, Port V. 1; Barrow 2, Chesterf'ld 2; Brad. C. 3, Bradf'd 0; Darl'gton 0, Crewe A. 1; Gatesh'd 1, S'thp't 0; Hartlep'ls 2, Chester 0; Mansf'ld 2, Tranmere 0; Rochdale 2, Carl'le 1; Scunth'pe 1, Grimsby 1; Stockp't 1, Acc. S. 1; Werk'gton 5, York 2; Wrexham 5, Halifax 0. Mid-week results: F.A. Cup — 2nd. Rnd. replays: Headington U. 1, Millwall 0; Nuneaton Boro 1, Q.P.R. 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Div. A: Airdrie' 3, Clyde 4; Celtic vs. Ham. Ac. postponed; Dundee 1, Falk'k 0; E. Fife 2, Hearts 2; Hibs. 5, Raith 0; Partick 0, Rangers 1; St. Mirren 1, Aberd'n 4; Stirl'g 3, Qun. o Sth. 0. Div. B: Arbr'th 2, Qns Pk. 2; Cowdenb'th 5, Ayr 2; Dumb'rton 2, Dundee U. 3; Kilm'nock 3, Dunf'line 3; Motherwell 5, Forfar 0; St. J'stone 7, Alloa 0; Stenh'semuir 4, Morton 1; Th. Lanark 1, Albion 0.

RUGBY UNION INTER: Wales 13 pts. New Zealand 8.

CRICKET: (at Benoni) N. E. Transvaal: 72 all out. New Zealand: 171 for 4 (first day).

Notices to the Public

TENDER FOR THE SALE OF PRINTING MACHINES

The Land Survey Department of the Ministry of Labour offers for sale the following printing machines:

1) Flat Bed 80 x 116 cms.
2) Lithographic Proving Press 70 x 100 cms.
3) Offset Proving Press with transfer cylinder 60 x 80 cms.

For further details apply to the Land Survey Department, Rehov Yehuda Halevy, corner Sheinkin, P.O.B. 2730, Tel Aviv.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

DEC. 20.		Rise or Fall
Govt. Loans		
6% 1962 (reg.)	99½	—c)
6% 1965 (reg.)	100¼	—
6% 1966 (reg.)	100½	—
Pop. Loans		
1949/69 (IL. 10)	97½	—
1950/75 (IL. 10)	—	—
3½% Travel Dollar	1345x	+10c)
3½% War Loan 54/59	82½	—1
3½% Govt. Bonds large	89	—
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	70	—
Ser. 2	70½	+1
Ser. 3	71	+1
B. Leumi Ord. sh.	278	—
A.P.B. Invest.		
6% Debs. 50/70	96½	
4½% Pref. sh.	102	—(c)
Ord. sh. "B"	118	—
Gen Mortg. Bk.		
6% Debs. 48/63	77	—
6% Pref. sh	76½	—
Bitzur		
4% Debs. 46/58	92½	—
4½% Debs. 52/66 reg.	76½	—c)
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 48/58	90	—c)
5% Pref. sh	70½	—
Pasa Debs. 6% 48/63	73½	—c)
P.L.D.C. Ord. sh.	103½	—1
5% Debs	91	—
Afr. Pal. Inv. Ord. sh.	116½	—
Rassco		
4% Debs 58/63	70	—
6% Pref. Ord. sh.	90½	+1
Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh.	335	+4
"A" ord. sh.	177½	—1
Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (ler.)	325	+3
Mehoroth Pref sh.	74½	—
Ata 6% "C" Pref.sh.	110	—
Ord. "B" sh	146½	+1(d)
6-8% Con. Debs.	95	+1c.d)
"Kurdaneh" Ord. "B" sh	154½	+1c.d)
Assis-Bey. "B" sh.	170	
"Teva" Ord. sh.	101	—9c)
Nesher 6% Debs.Ser.A	73	—
Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs.	134	+1
Lodzia 4½% Pref sh.	73	—
S.A. Binyan Ord sh	98	—3b)
Pal. Centr. Tr. pref. sh	94	—

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; x) prutot per one Dollar.

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Trotsky's Slayer Prefers Prison

MEXICO CITY, Sunday (UP). — The mysterious international agent who, in 1940, drove a pickaxe into the brain of Stalin's arch-rival, Leon Trotsky, indicated today that he prefers the "safety" of prison to the grim uncertainties of freedom.

Today, the agent, Jacques Mornard, becomes eligible for parole, having completed two-thirds of his 20 year prison sentence for the political murder of the refugee Trotsky. He has made no move to seek liberty from his cell in Mexico City's model prison where he has lived for 13 years in comparative luxury on funds supplied from a source as mysterious as his own origin.

For 13 years, Mornard has kept his secret; not even his real name or nationality is known. It had been believed that Stalin himself ordered the execution of his greatest and most dangerous friend, but it has never been proved. The American F.B.I., Britain's Scotland Yard and even Hitler's Gestapo at one time or another were trying to find some proof, but to no avail.

Authorities are convinced that friends of the murdered Trotsky and agents of the Soviet regime, who are anxious to seal his lips permanently, are waiting in Mexico City to assassinate him if he steps through the prison gate.

Press Review :

UN Rejects Bennike View

Commenting on the Security Council's debate on the Syrian complaint "Zmanim" (Progressive) fears that some of the Western proposals may be interpreted ambiguously, although apparently the Council did not accept General Bennike's view that the implementation of the Jordan River project would give Israel any strategic advantage. We must now study the question of land rights, the paper avers, hoping that this will be done soon, so as to enable work to be renewed.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) also notes the "nebulous" character of the Western draft proposal and the rejection of General Bennike's two main arguments. The paper considers it contradictory to the Council to reject the Syrian veto but to leave the final decision in the hands of General Bennike whose attitude is well known.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) which has opposed the whole development scheme now accuses the Israel Government of accepting the American plan by which American engineers and other pioneers of imperialism would be able to continue their warmongering intrigues in the Middle East. The paper also sharply attacks "Israel's rulers" for allegedly opposing direct talks with Shishakly.

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) believes that the Western proposals will be accepted by the Security Council, maintaining that this will compel us to choose between two evils: to obey or to disobey. The paper hopes that Israel's attitude will be influenced by concern for our relations with the Western powers.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on the Israel complaints against Egypt in connection with the most recent act of piracy at Suez. The paper says that Egypt's contemptuous disregard for international law is the obvious result of American appeasement, and that the Egyptians believe that they will now be able to decide whose ships are to be allowed to pass through Suez and whose not. "Haboker" feels that handing a note to the Security Council is insufficient.

Language Academy

"Davar" (Histadrut) in its editorial column comments on the establishment of a Hebrew Language Academy, asking for details about the tasks and working programme of the new institution. In a second leader, the paper welcomes the new paper mill at Hadera which has now begun to work.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) commenting on the problems of military government in Arab populated areas thinks the travel permit system should be abolished since it does not contribute to public security but merely irritates Arab citizens who feel discriminated against.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with the closing of the Haifa Technion on Sunday, criticizing the attitude of the students and explaining that IL. 200 per annum as academic fee is a very modest sum for advanced technological training. Even if the students were to pay that sum, it would cover only 12% of the Technion's overall expenses, while in fact 20% should be covered by students' fees. At all events, the Government should stand by its obligations towards the Technion, and local economic and industrial circles should acknowledge their duty, so that the institution may reopen its doors as soon as possible.

Habimah to Present 3 Original Plays

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Three original Hebrew plays will be included in this season's repertory of the Habimah Theatre.

Nisim Alony's "Achzar Mikol Hamelech" (Most Cruel, the King), a play on a Biblical theme with a connotation for the present, will open on Saturday evening. Moshe Shamir's "Leil Sufa" (A Stormy Night) and Natan Shaham's "Ha'av, Ha'ben, Veruach Hakodesh" (The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost) have been also accepted for production.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: A Royal Affair.
EDEN: Jeopardy.
EDISON: La Minute De Verite.
HAZAMIR: Fire Dance (Arabic).
OR-GIL: Temptation Harbour.
ORION: Limelight (3rd Week).
ORNA: Monkey Business.
STUDIO: Le Monde.
TEL-OR: Cave Of Outlaws.
ZION: The Greatest Show on Earth.

The Export Drive

By a Special Correspondent

Month after month, as statistical figures pour in, we are obtaining new evidence of the continuing rise in exports. Over the first ten months of the current year they have increased, against the same period in 1952, by a full 25%, and the rise was highest—35%—in the sales of manufactured goods, which previously were stagnating.

A series of new articles has been added to our export lists and some of them are already running into substantial quantities. Several big orders from abroad recently have been reported, offering, it seems, fair prospects for the near future, too. Should the citrus industry live up to expectations and no deterioration take place in the world market, export proceeds in 1954 may well reach the sum of $70m. (said to be the estimate included in the next foreign currency budget proposal), as compared with $47m. in 1952.

This advance doubtless is cause for rejoicing, but it should not lead us to complacency. One should never lose sight of the fact that it is not export itself we are after, but the "added value" included therein, meaning the excess of export over and above the foreign materials, accessories and various services which are imported in order to make export possible.

Industrial Exports

This excess, however, is only a small part of the total. For the current budgetary year, 1953/54, officially, and perhaps rather optimistically, it has been estimated at $26m., out of which $7m. is to be provided by industrial exports, including diamonds. Next year this last item certainly will rise, but we are faced with a drop in the "added value" per crate of citrus exports, and the total gain for our balance of payment may lie somewhere between $30m. and $40m.

Such a sum, of course, would represent a considerable advance if compared with the previous barren years. As a matter of fact, it would provide for about 20% of the foreign currency needed for our current consumption at the present standard of living (but only some 12% of our total foreign currency requirements, including investment). Yet, it should be regarded against the probability of a rapid decline of other sources of our foreign currency income.

Even assuming that German Reparations payments proceed according to plan and that we continue to get some reduced Grant-in-Aid from the U.S. Government, it is likely that our foreign currency income from what may be called the "traditional" sources will be halved at most during the next decade, and it is this gap which is to be filled largely by revenue export.

According to the "Data and Plans" of the Ministry of Finance, which have been presented to the Jerusalem Economic Conference, these proceeds, in 1960, are to reach $102m. divided equally between agricultural and industrial exports. To this end, exports of citrus and other farming products should be almost trebled and those of industrial goods increased eightfold within a span of only seven years.

But experts have voiced their doubts about the possibility of attaining the goals set for agricultural exports. The same has been said with regard to the ambitious programmes for potash fertilizers, phosphates, iron, copper, etc., which are supposed to supply the bulk of our future industrial exports.

But the less we can rely upon these staple commodities, the more we are bound to be dependent on the manifold manufactured articles, produced by our light industry and handicrafts.

So far, the advance of this category of exports mainly has been the result of two factors: large-scale investment in expanding, re-equipping and retooling of our industry, which now begins to bear fruit; and the "new economic policy" with its more realistic approach to the question of controls. While the first process is, for the time being, more or less complete, the second one has just begun to exert its influence.

It is the new rate of exchange of IL.1.800 per dollar that has made exports possible on a profitable basis. It was the drying up of the local markets that induced manufacturers to look to the more difficult business abroad. And it was the abolition of controls and of centralized procurement by government agencies that have forced industry to earn the foreign currency needed for purchasing raw materials by exporting. In some instances the results achieved have been quite remarkable.

But even now it would be rash to say that our industry has become export-minded, that it is really competitive on the international level or that our export organization is working smoothly.

Until now we have been selling in the comparatively fine weather of the protected markets of our trade agreements, and the exporters could augment their income from abroad by high profits on local sales.

But these factors have their natural limits, and the time seems ripe for reorientation of our export drive, with more stress laid upon hard currency markets and upon a genuine effort to reduce production costs and overhead.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7, a.m., 1.30, 6.15 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Music (R). 9.00 Services. 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Popular Loan Draw. 1.00 Music at Noon (R). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Violin Recital. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 At the Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Citrus Programme. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 "Curtain Up." 9.30 Light Music (R). 10.00 Chamber Music, Presented by: Moshe Lustig, Alexander Schocken & Zvi Warshauer: Trio No. 1 (Schumann). 10.30 "Notturno" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

469, 139, 114, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Music (R). 4.30 Messages to Immigrants 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Literature Corner. 5.30 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 (M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 News and Newsreel. 11.45 Learn a Song.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 316, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

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Beersheba	90	4	8	12
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FORECAST: Generally partly cloudy with scattered showers in the morning. Some rise in temperatures.

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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80,000 CASES of citrus fruits and 80 tons of bananas are leaving for the U.S.S.R. today in the s.s. Etrog.

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THE HENRIETTE SZOLD Foundation for Child and Youth Welfare will hold its annual memorial meeting for Henriette Szold at 8.30 p.m. this evening at Beit Hahalutzot in Jerusalem. The Foundation's President, Justice Agranat, is to speak.

Key Money Ruling Sets Precedent

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The District Court, sitting here today as a Court of Appeals, reversed a Magistrate's Court sentence, issued an evacuation order and created a precedent that key money paid for renting a business premise could not count as part of future rent. According to the law, key money can be applied against rent for dwellings.

The evacuation order was issued against Mr. Y. Zavodnik, a kiosk owner at 17 Allenby Road, who wanted the plot-owner to count as rent the IL.150 which he had paid as key money for his kiosk.

The landowner asked the Magistrate's Court to grant her an evacuation order when Mr. Zavodnik refused to pay rent which he claimed had already been paid. The order was denied her at the time.

'Home for Parents' For Dutch Immigrants

HAIFA, Sunday. — The cornerstone was laid this morning for a Home for Parents, immigrants from Holland, in Ahuza, Mt. Carmel. The project is financed from a grant by the Nederlandsch-Israelietisch Joles-Ziekenhuis, a philanthropic organization of Dutch Jews in Haarlem.

The three-wing, two-storey building, which will cost about IL.120,000 without equipment, will be ready in 12-14 months. It will house 24 single persons and eight couples. Each room will have its own balcony, running hot and cold water and a built-in cupboard. The middle wing will contain the dining hall, social rooms and separate work rooms for men and women.

Mayor Abba Khoushy, the Dutch Minister, Mr. G. Boissevain, Mrs. Miriam De Leeuw-Gerzon and Mr. Joseph Z. Davids, and many members of the Dutch Settlers' Association, attended the ceremony.

NO OCTOBER OIL

The October edible oil ration will not be distributed, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. Oil rations are two months behind schedule.

Civil Service Health Plan 'Would Disrupt Kupat Holim'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Itzhak Kanev, Director-General of Kupat Holim, today told a press conference that the Minister of Health's proposed civil servants' health scheme is a move aimed at disrupting the Histadrut Sick Fund. He claimed that Kupat Holim is offering cheap service to 90% of persons in Government pay, the police by a special payment of 2% of their salaries and the families of Regular Army soldiers at a "very reduced" rate compared with costs.

He held that arranging for medical aid to special types of workers in the State, like the civil servants, hit at the base of the principle of mutual security as Kupat Holim could spend IL.4m. annually on new immigrant settlements or offer help to 40,000 social cases only because the wealthier part of the population paid its dues.

Mr. Kanev confined himself to the payment by wage earners to Kupat Holim, including Government officials but excluding the police, referring to that part of their Histadrut dues which accrue to the Sick Fund. He estimated that, on the average, the payment is only 40% of the Histadrut dues. This means that of the average fees paid by members, amounting to IL.80 a year, Kupat Holim receives only IL.30 per family. It could thus be calculated that the Ministry's proposal to offer medical aid at IL.23.500 to a childless couple annually is no cheaper, as a family with one child will have to pay IL.47.500; with two children IL.70.500; three children IL.94.000, and four children IL.117.500 per family annually, while Kupat Holim offers such services for IL.30 irrespective of the number of persons in the family, Mr. Kanev said.

(While the average of dues to the Histadrut, including the Sick Fund, is IL.80, a wage earner whose monthly salary is IL.165 pays the Histadrut IL.144 annually.)

Against Gov't Policy

Mr. C. Wishinski, of the Kupat Holim Directorate, stated that the Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, had declared that he did not wish to nationalize the Sick Fund. His present move, the speaker claimed, is in that direction, and therefore not in accordance with the Government's policy.

From the views of members of the Directorate it appears that the whole affair is more a matter of principle than of financial loss of dues from Government employees. They complained bitterly that they had learned about the scheme from the Press.

It is understood that the Histadrut executive informally has taken a negative stand towards the scheme and that Secretary General M. Namir has sent a telegram of protest to Mr. Serlin.

It is the Ministry's view that the Government can afford to offer medical service to its employees without their being Histadrut members, and that it is its duty to offer such service to all without party or trade union affiliations.

A SPECIAL postal agency is to be opened in the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem from December 24-31 on the occasion of the Zionist General Council session.

Army Pension Bill For Cabinet Soon

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — An Army Pensions' Bill has been prepared by army G.H.Q., and will be presented to the Cabinet shortly, military correspondents were told here today.

The proposal generally follows the Civil Servants' Pension Bill, now before the Knesset, but provides for larger payments to soldiers or to their families in case of service-connected invalidity or death.

The maximum pension proposed is 75% of the last pay received as compared with 66% in the case of civil servants. The higher pension is justified by the constant danger to life to which soldiers are exposed, correspondents were told.

The 75% maximum would be attained only by those members of the Regular Army who will have served for 37½ years. In some services, where the dangers are particularly great, a year's service will be counted as one-and-a-quarter or one-and-a-half years.

Pre-State Service

The years a regular soldier had spent in recognized security organizations before the establishment of the State — in the British Army or in the Hagana, for instance — would be taken into account for the purpose of pensions.

In certain cases, especially when the soldier retires young, or leaves a young widow, a grant will be given instead of pension. A young widow without children will not receive the full grant until she is 45.

The Army Pensions Fund will have in common with the Civil Servants' Pensions Fund the fact that it will be financed by Government making over to the fund 2% of the soldier's annual pay. But the Army would like to give the family of soldiers, fallen on active duty, half of the difference between what the family is allowed by the law on soldiers fallen in action and the basic last pay of the deceased.

Army Discharge Papers Introduced

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Demobilization papers will be issued by the Army beginning January 1 to every one honourably discharged from compulsory or voluntary service, Aluf-Mishne Haim Ben-David told military correspondents here today.

The certificates will mention in addition to length of service and reasons for discharge, the commanders' appraisal of the men's aptitudes and character, and, in the case of N.C.O.'s in compulsory service, their conduct.

The discharge certificate should serve as the best introduction for the man returning to civilian life, for it will be the summing up of observations made during two-and-a-half years. A check by the Adjutant-General's office will assure the uniformity of appraisal.

The Army expects that the discharge certificate will be requested from all persons seeking employment.

There will be four classifications of a man's conduct: very good, good, adequate and not adequate. It is hoped that a soldier will have this in mind while he serves, for his future might be jeopardized by bad conduct in the Army.

MACCABI WINS AGAIN

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team won its second European tour game by beating the Yugoslavian "Red Star" team 60:54 in the championship tournament in Brussels yesterday. The half-time score was 29:33.

Film Fails to Prove Attorney's Point

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — A film shown at the District Court here today failed to convince the judges that Mr. Reuven Gordon, of Rehovot, walks with a limp which is not sufficiently serious to warrant the IL.7,217 damages which he had been awarded.

Mr. Gordon was hit by a taxi driven by Shlomo Vider, also of Rehovot, in the main street of that town in December 1951, and suffered permanent injuries to his leg. The film was shown by the driver's lawyer in an attempt to prove that the limp is not serious.

The driver, a War of Liberation veteran, is also to pay IL.400 Court expenses.

Anti-Cartel Action To be Taken

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Steps to be taken against the formation and existence of cartels will be outlined by a sub-committee, established by the Economic Ministers Committee at its weekly session held in the capital yesterday afternoon, a spokesman stated. The decision followed a survey.

Due to the illness of the Communications Minister, Mr. Joseph Saphir, a decision on raising bus fares was deferred.

High Court Sets Aside Burglary Conviction

A youth who had been sentenced to two years in prison for breaking into a biscuit factory in Tel Aviv, was freed yesterday by the Supreme Court in Jerusalem.

Shimon Menahem, of Tel Aviv, was convicted on the strength of the testimony of a single witness, the person who received the stolen goods.

The Court reversed the conviction on the grounds that several weeks ago it had ruled as a matter of principle that no person should be convicted on the evidence of a receiver of stolen goods, unless there is corroborating evidence. It ruled that the accused should benefit from the recent decision although he was unaware of it.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Zilberg and Goitein. *(Itim)*

WIZO Helps Capital's Neglected Children

WIZO is helping to solve the problem of under privileged and neglected children in the Capital where 200 from the poorest quarters visit WIZO's two clubs daily.

WIZO organizers told the Press yesterday that each club costs IL. 300 a month to maintain. WIZO educates 2,000 young women and girls in its agricultural and vocational schools throughout Israel. They are supported by World WIZO, which has adopted various institutions as special projects, and by Israel WIZO which donates a third of the total contributed.

The cut in Government support for kindergartens reportedly dealt a severe blow to WIZO, whose play-centres provide clothing and a hot meal, unlike the private kindergartens. Jerusalem Municipality owes WIZO about IL.5,000 as its share towards the upkeep of the kindergartens. Each child costs IL.11.5 monthly of which the Government pays IL.4. The city should be responsible for IL.3 of this sum, it was claimed.

President Tours Jordan Valley

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi toured the Jordan Valley yesterday. They visted Degania, the Masonite works at Ashdot Ya'acov, Kibbutz Tel Kazir, Bet Yerach and Ohalo.

The Jordan Valley District Council inscribed the President in the Golden Book and presented Mrs. Ben-Zvi with a contribution for the *ma'barot* Children's Fund.

SUPERPHOSPHATE PRODUCTION UP

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — No further imports of superphosphates will be permitted, following the increased output of this fertilizer by the Fertilizers and Chemicals plant in Haifa, the management of the company announced today. Monthly production now amounts to 7,000 tons.

Cold and snow stalled cars in Jerusalem over the weekend. — Photo by Schlesinger.

WEATHER

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cut off from Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus and Jenin.

CROPS AIDED

It is not yet possible to evaluate the effect on crops of the rain which have fallen since Saturday, the Ministry of Agriculture declared yesterday.

The first two days of the present rains, on Thursday and Friday, aided crops which were planted since the first rains at the beginning of the month.

The snows which fell in the Jerusalem and Safad areas caused no damage, it was announced. But traffic between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, which was cancelled on Saturday night, was resumed yesterday morning. The Ministry of Communications warns that drivers should exercise care, however, on the Jerusalem-Sha'ar Hagai Road, and should empty car radiators at night to prevent possible damage if temperatures drop to zero.

SNOW IN EUROPE

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Snow fell today over much of Western Europe for the first time this winter.

Austria, many parts of West Germany, the Swiss Alps and Stockholm experienced the first snowfalls of this unusually mild winter.

Ze'ev Shind, Zim Director, Dies

Ze'ev Shind, one of the directors of the Zim Navigation Company, died in Haifa yesterday after a short illness at the age of 44.

He was born in Vilna, was active in the Hehalutz Movement, and upon coming to the country in 1929, joined Ayelet Hashahar, in the Huleh Valley.

In 1937, Mr. Shind was sent to Poland to organize underground immigration and soon became one of the leading figures in that work. He helped organize the Friends of the Haganah in the U.S. and bought immigrant ships there.

When Zim and the underground immigration authorities were amalgamated, he became one of Zim's directors. The deceased served as Sea Transport Controller under Mr. David Remez, late Minister of Communications, after which he was Director General of the Defence Ministry, and later returned to Zim. The deceased leaves a wife and daughter.

All Shoham ships in Port and at sea lowered their flags to half mast yesterday. The body of the deceased was brought to the Zim offices in Haifa last night. Shoham employees are keeping watch beside the coffin until 9 o'clock this morning when it will be transferred to Ayelet Hashahar for burial.

J.D.C. Medicals For 5,000 Tunis Jews

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The Joint Distribution Committee has completed the medical examination of 5,000 residents of the Jewish ghetto in Tunis, Executive Chairman Moses A. Leavitt of the J.D.C. announced yesterday. The medical project, the largest in Tunisia's history, is part of the J.D.C. campaign to reduce tuberculosis, trachoma and other diseases among Tunisia's 100,000 Jews.

Fire Damages WIZO J'lem Institution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fire, caused by an overturned kerosene stove, yesterday afternoon destroyed the roof of a bungalow, serving as warehouse and dormitory for the WIZO Youth Home on Rehov Hillel in Jerusalem. Prompt action by the institution's officials and the fire department prevented injuries and resulted in the salvaging of much of the students' belongings.

The fire broke out shortly before 2 p.m. as the institution's cook, who was in the warehouse directly behind the main building, overturned the stove. Mrs. Darbum, in charge of the warehouse, immediately cleared the bungalow of its occupants, and the fire department was called. Within a few minutes, three engines arrived accompanied by a police patrol car.

The fire was soon under control, although flames and thick clouds of smoke continued to rise from the damaged bungalow. Firemen quickly emptied the building of its contents, which stood out in the rain for some time.

Police aided the officials of the institution in maintaining order.

13 CONVICTS BREAK JAIL

DETROIT, Sunday (Reuter). — Police today urged an intensive manhunt for six convicts still at liberty after a spectacular 13 prisoner break from the fortress-like State Prison of Southern Michigan on Saturday night.

Five of the fugitives, including two murderers and a kidnapper, are believed to be loose somewhere in the Detroit area, after releasing two women whom they had held as hostages during a night's hide and seek with more than 200 police cars.

6 CLASHES IN WEEK

During the week ending December 17, six clashes took place between armed infiltrators and the security forces resulting in the capture of two infiltrators.

COLD WEATHER — DEFEATED

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Millikan, Cosmic Ray Expert, Dies

SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, Sunday (UP). — Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel Prize winner and one of the world's leading physicists, died at his home here yesterday following a long illness. He was 85.

Millikan won world renown for his investigations in cosmic rays and was awarded the Nobel Prize for physics in 1923 for his work in measuring the mass and charge of the electron.

He had been in charge of the Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, since 1921 until his recent hospitalization at Huntington Memorial Hospital here.

Born in Morrison, Illinois, on March 22, 1868, the son of a Congregational Minister, Millikan graduated from Oberlin College.

He obtained a fellowship at Columbia University and received his doctorate there, then went on to study physics at the universities of Berlin and Gottingen.

At the invitation of Dr. A.A. Michelson, America's first Nobel Prize winner in science, he went to the University of Chicago in 1896. It was there that he accomplished his work in the isolation and measurement of the electron and in the direct photoelectric determination of Planck's Constant.

The late Dr. George E. Hale selected Millikan to head the small centre of scientific research and education at Pasadena which later became the California Institute of Technology, one of America's leading schools of science.

Cables in Brief

PARIS. — Nearly 500 would-be passengers besieged Paris Air Terminal yesterday when the strike of ground staff virtually halted traffic for the second successive day. The breakdown of international air traffic was caused by striking radar and control tower workers who refuse to guide aircraft on and off Orly and Le Bourget runways.

PAPERS. — A South Korean official, Dr. Karl Hong Kee, said yesterday that the Government planned to reduce the number of Korean newspapers and news agencies. He quoted President Rhee as suggesting that the public might be allowed to choose "three or four" of the most popular. There are 16 dailies in Seoul alone.

CZECHS. — State delivery quotas for Czechoslovak collective and individual farmers are to be cut, according to the Communist Party newspaper, "Rude Pravo," quoted by Prague Radio.

Buu Loc to Unite Vietnam Leaders

SAIGON, Sunday (Reuter). — Prince Buu Loc, Prime Minister Designate of Vietnam, leaves France for this city tomorrow to try to unite rival princes, politicians and religious groups into one nation capable of winning independence within the French Union and ending the war with the Vietminh rebels.

The Prince, who has been High Commissioner of Vietnam in Paris for three years, was recalled by Emperor Bao Dai to replace Prime Minister M. Nguyen Van Tam who resigned last week at Bao Dai's request to prepare the way for policy changes.

Van Tam was considered too openly pro-French to rally a movement of national unity.

In the past, Bao Dai has used the Prince, his cousin, as his trouble-shooter. During his last visit here in October, he persuaded leaders of the unruly National Congress to give Bao Dai a free hand in negotiations with France and to withdraw their resolution demanding secession from the French Union.

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NEWCOMERS CONFER

THE annual convention of the American-Canadian Association in Israel which will assemble in Tel Aviv this evening will be privileged to present a satisfactory report of growing activity designed to assist new settlers from the United States and Canada to integrate happily and successfully into the life of Israel. Their record shows that they have assisted a considerable number of their members to find employment and the Association has even begun to venture into the delicate and rather unpredictable field of housing construction.

Apart from these major tasks, the Association also has actively promoted the social integration of its members, and by its numerous functions at various centres in Israel has provided a congenial environment through which the new American and Canadian immigrant can pass easily into the larger social and communal life of Israel. The convention however will not, it is hoped, be concerned merely with a resume of past activities and with plans for the expansion of these activities on gradually developing lines. The problem of the Western immigrant now has come very much to the forefront of Jewish Agency and Governmental concern alike. It is almost a year since a government body was set up to enquire into the whole problem of Western immigration.

After taking evidence on the subject from the various Associations of United States, Canadian, British and South African immigrants, from the Jewish Agency and other interested bodies, the position was considered sufficiently serious to warrant the establishment of a special Ministerial committee to deal with the problem. They each delegated senior officials to meet with representatives of the Jewish Agency to set up a more permanent body to deal with the subject. One of the issues before the Convention might well be to seek ways and means of activating this body and getting it to work more intensively, more rapidly and in a manner more readily perceptible to the public eye.

A good deal of progress has been made in the matter of dealing with the special needs of Western immigrants. One of the most noteworthy has been the opening of the hostels for professional and technical workers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. This definitely has facilitated the entry of highly skilled personnel for certain institutions; men and women who would not have been able to come to Israel at all had there not been these comparatively inexpensive and comfortable temporary homes been ready to receive them.

Some progress has been made, too, in supplying housing of a reasonable standard at fair prices and with mortgages at a fair rate of interest up to some 80% of the purchase price. However, this facility needs extension. It is only available to new immigrants and a very small, selected number of persons already in the country. A more liberal policy should be considered in this connection. Some Western immigrants accepted housing from the Jewish Agency when they arrived a few years ago because nothing else was available. They should not now be debarred from the new and better facilities because of technicalities. Similarly, others who did not need housing on arrival do so now. The new opportunities might well be extended to them also. There also remains to be tackled the problem of houses for rent for those who are not able to put down the initial capital needed to buy a "shikun." It might be possible for the Investment Centre to encourage investment in such building, perhaps with an option for the tenant to buy when he becomes better established after a few years.

It is to be hoped, in short, that the convention will review the entire complex of problems confronting newcomers from the United States and Canada towards laying down the base lines upon which increased immigration from all Western countries may be built.

A-Cannons for Japan

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter).—The U.S. is to send a number of its giant atomic cannons to Japan early next year, Robert A. Allen, syndicated Washington correspondent, wrote in the "New York Post" yesterday. He said that the guns would be shifted to Korea quickly if war should erupt there again.

World Status of Suez Ignored by Egypt

By JO HEGMAN

THE Suez Canal, where an Italian ship had a consignment of meat to Israel confiscated by the Egyptians a few days ago, was rounded to further commerce and to link countries and continents together. Because of this principle it was decided, even before work had begun, that the Canal should be open to all vessels at all times. This decision was one of the provisions of the concession granted to the Suez Canal Company on January 5, 1856. This provision was also incorporated into the Company's statute. Officially, the Suez Canal Company is an Egyptian joint-stock enterprise which operates the Canal under a 99-year concession granted early in 1856, which became valid in November 1869, when the Canal started operating, and which is due to expire in November 1968.

Although the Canal Company is officially Egyptian with its official headquarters in Egypt, its real headquarters and administrative centre are in Paris, and its controlling shareholder is Britain, which holds 44% of the stock, the largest single bloc of shares, the remaining 56% being held mostly by various French owners.

War-time Tests

Because of its international character, the Company is most eager to preserve the "open-to-all" status, which is now jeopardized by Egypt. This status was first tested during the Franco-German War of 1870-71, when German ships were allowed to pass through the Canal without any interference whatsoever, although the Canal was, at that time, purely French property.

After Disraeli purchased the Khedive Ismail's 176,602 shares (out of a total of 400,000) in 1875 for Britain thus acquiring a controlling interest, the British Government officially assumed responsibility for the protection of the Canal and for its free and open status.

Britain was eight years the Canal's protector when its position in Egypt was strengthened by military occupation of the country, following the bloody revolt against the Khedive and the British staged by Ahmed Arabi Pasha. Arabi's avowed aim was the Canal's destruction, and he nearly succeeded in this task.

When Ferdinand de Lesseps, the Canal's builder and the Company's first head, cabled him from Paris, pleading that the Canal be left intact and assuring him that the British will never be allowed to run it, Arabi replied: "Sincere thanks. Assurances consolatory, but not sufficient under the existing circumstances. The defence, well-being and independence of Egypt requires the Canal's destruction..."

The Suez Canal was saved by effective British military intervention under General Sir Garnet Wolseley, who defeated Arabi, taking him prisoner at Cairo, and suppressed the revolt occupying all of Egypt in 1882. Following Arabi's revolt, the Khedive himself asked the British to establish permanent bases along the Canal, and turned over the entire Canal Zone to Britain as a military area.

From 1882 to 1914, Egypt's international status was that of a British-occupied country with a nominal allegiance to Turkey, but in 1914, following the outbreak of World War I, Egypt became a full-fledged British protectorate.

The Canal's status has remained unchanged since October 29, 1888, when the Convention Respecting The Free Navigation Of The Maritime Suez Canal was signed at Constantinople by Britain, France, Germany, Austro-Hungary, Italy, Russia, Spain, Turkey and Holland. As its name implies, the Constantinople Convention intended the Canal to be extra-territorial.

This Convention remains the only instrument governing the Canal's use today. Article I says:

> "The Canal shall never be subjected to the exercise of the right of blockade," while, according to Article IV, "No right of war, no act of hostility, nor any other act having for its object to obstruct the free navigation of the Canal, shall be committed, even though Egypt should be one of the belligerent powers."

During both World Wars, Britain did not prevent nor obstruct the passage of enemy shipping through the Canal — (though she denied their access to the Canal's approaches with the same result.) Nor did Turkey, the nominal sovereign power in Egypt before World War I, obstruct the passage of Italian ships during the Italo-Turkish War of 1911.

Several German and Italian ships actually passed through the Suez Canal in the early days of World War II, but were intercepted by the Royal Navy as soon as they left the three-mile extra-territorial zone at the Canal's approaches. Later on, however, with both Germany and Italy attacking the Canal militarily, Britain was forced to take steps for its protection, including the search of all ships for arms, mines and saboteurs.

Gigantic Tonnage

Monthly traffic through the Suez Canal this year averaged 1,120 ships in both directions, with a total tonnage of more than 8 million tons, while the monthly income averaged about £3m. With more than 13,000 ships using the Canal in 1953 alone, its international status assuring freedom of passage is vital.

Egypt would like to divert the £36m. of annual income into its treasury, instead of watching it disappear into the stockholders' pockets. Once she takes over the Canal in 1968, she hopes to be able to rewrite the Convention to change the Canal's international status to suit Egypt's own political and financial aims.

KEEPING POSTED

IT will no doubt heighten the appreciation and enjoyment of all those dipping an eager spoon into the first grapefruit of the season to know that once again we managed to fill the gap and ship and sell our grapefruit at the time when the South African harvest had finished and the Spanish fruit was not yet ready to be picked. The satisfaction of a job well timed and efficiently done created such good feeling in the divided and often embittered settlements that it is worthwhile recounting the story behind the 25,000 boxes loaded in a few days at Haifa, and the 10,000 export boxes packed at Ein Harod, which, with its 350 dunams of grapefruit groves, undertook to carry out an ambitious order placed with (both parties!) by the Citrus Marketing Board. After the Tnuva experts completed their customary test of the juice for sugar content, they advised the kibbutz to start the harvest on October 4, but that the consignment of 10,000 boxes was to be ready for shipment by October 14. The financial position of politically divided Ein Harod is not an easy one and the advantageous terms offered for the first harvest were very tempting and a strong incentive. All available forces (both parties) were mobilized in a general call up. The schoolchildren of the four higher grades, those quick and expert fruitpickers, went up the trees with a collecting bag instead of starting school. With them went the older Youth Aliya youngsters, teachers, garage hands, workshop, laundry, clothing store and administrative personnel and workers of any branch that could be spared. Many returned after a day's work in the groves to their regular jobs. They worked day after day without a break. They picked, packed and sorted incessantly, the lids were hammered down and the boxes loaded onto waiting lorries. About 2,500 boxes left the groves daily to keep the packers going and stick to their quota of 1,250 export boxes a day. One of the members, a talented violinist and the settlement's music teacher, cut his hands so badly on the twigs that he was unable to work or to play: he was put on night watch in the groves to help prevent intruders from the other side of Mt. Gilboa from stealing or burning the fruit in the waiting boxes. Because of previous amicable arrangements between the foremen of both parties, Mapam and Mapai worked side by side picking their allotted sections and delivering the fruit to the packers. The same eagerness, the same knowledge, was displayed by both sides, and it would have been difficult for an outsider to tell that any division existed and that the groves have been the scene of less pleasant incidents; political and personal passions had only a year ago disrupted work and left the fruit to rot on the ground. While all was not brotherly love, there seems tangible proof of common sense triumphant. The fruit was picked and exported right on time. Later there was a small harvest festival where the grown-ups and the children congratulated each other and quipped good-humouredly. Toasts were drunk to the revival of harmony and prosperity at Ein Harod (no grapefruit were peeled because the local connoisseurs prefer the present rain-soaked harvest). With coalition skirmishing the way it is at the moment, there seems to be a moral hidden somewhere in the above tale.

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WE went to look over a friend's orange grove at the beginning of the season and after being shown his fruit were introduced to his grandfather, who is still active enough to get around and "supervise" the work. The old man, whose memory is by now a bit hazy, came in fuming about the laziness of the pickers. "Don't you dare pay them ten piastres a day," he raged, "seven is plenty for them. Pity we can't get those Houranis we had last season — they worked better and got only five piastres a day." As his grandfather is 87, our friend had to be careful he doesn't hear what the pickers are really getting today.

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ECONOMICS are not always dull. The U.S. Treasury recently released a savings film entitled "The Bond Between Us," starring June Allyson, which inadvertently attracted a lot of attention through the first announcements being entitled "The Blonde Between Us."

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AND while on the subject of money (sic) we have been greatly intrigued by the little decorated mirrors Mif'al Hapayis has been putting up all over the place. We watched, with interest, a young girl nonchalantly combing her long red tresses before one of them in the biting wind last week. But we presume they were put up so that lucky winners of the lottery can watch the smiles of delight on their faces when their numbers come up.

A MAN we know promised his son that as soon as he started school he would open a bank account for him in his own name. When the great day dawned everyone, from the bank manager to the clerks, was very polite to the boy, and when his turn came one of the officials said, "Would you come this way please, Mister Arieh?" "Mister Arieh, that's me!" said the boy proudly. When he later arrived at school the teacher asked the names of all the children in the class and was informed by the boy that he was Mr. Arieh. Sensing rebellion, the teacher asked him where he got the "Mr. Arieh" from. "From my bank!" was the imperturbable reply.

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ONE of the policemen who helped in the final distribution of the Toy Fund's Hanukka gifts last week dropped in to tell us of the reception his truck received in various settlements. In one place, he said, there was nobody around when he arrived but one small boy who came out and gazed suspiciously at the closed police van. "I've brought you some toys," he said. "Yes?" said the boy. "My van is full of them." "Yes?" said the boy. "Well if you don't believe me, come and have a look," said the policeman. "Alright, I'll come," said the boy, "but first tell me the truth!"

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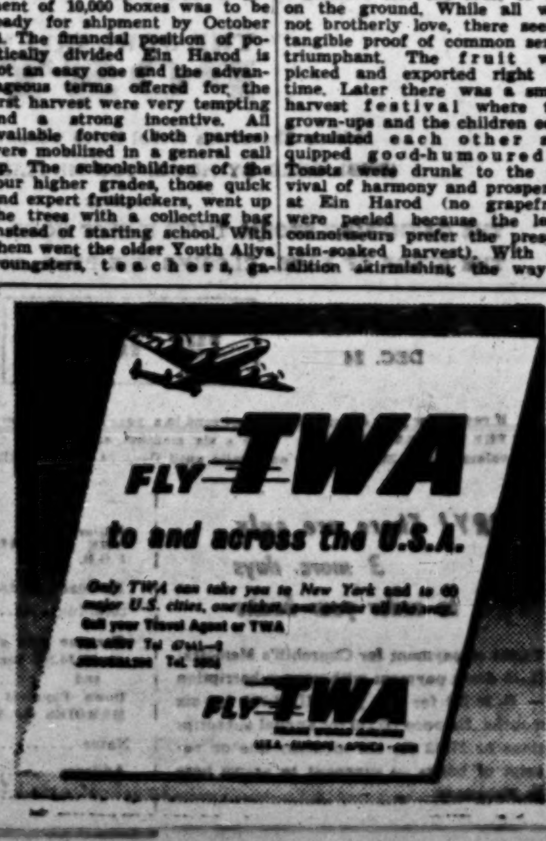

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SNOW DECORATES THE CAPITAL

For all the inconvenience it causes, the surprising and decorative patterns of the season's first snow are always a delight to the eye.

Photo by Braun

Living Land by the Dead Sea

AT the potash works, the new road comes to an end, a ribbon of grey and black winding along through an infinity of dazzling yellow; a highway of progress in a desert of stones and petrified saline blocks is S'dom's life-line. From there, only a sand track leads to Ein Gedi.

The Book of Samuel speaks of the "wilderness of Ein Gedi," where David fled from the wrath of Saul; and Saul went to seek him "upon the rocks of the wild goats." Ein Gedi was then an oasis, thriving at the crossroads; a town full of date palms which gave shade to the tired and fruit to the hungry. Its vines were famed, for Solomon sings: "My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Ein Gedi." Today, the ruggedness of its surroundings has swallowed up the city, and brush-strewn waste is all that is left of its ancient prosperity. Yet, something of the ancient grandeur has been preserved. The site is majestic, the outline of the mountains daring and momentous. The spectrum of colours ever changing—from light purple at sunrise to the lengthening shadows of the evening. Huge rocks carved in red stone shoot up and waterfalls rush down from the heights, their constant ripple filling the air. Here, in the middle of the desert, water is abundant though untamed.

When we arrived, a huge truck, loaded with vegetables, slowly made its way towards a cluster of houses. "Is this your own crop?" we asked the driver.

He shook his head: "We have no crops."

"Where are your fields?" He shook his head again. There were none.

Solitary Outpost

Yet there they stood, white houses with balconies, and even tiny patches of gardens, and some huts and barracks serving as garages, stores and workshops. A settlement without land, a village without farms, a solitary, almost forlorn, outpost of civilization.

Boys and girls, no older than 19 or 20, were busy clearing the ground undergrowth. We talked with a sturdy youngster by the name of Gad, Israel born and bred. "Going to stay here?" we enquired. No, he was not going to settle here nor, for that matter, were his friends. They were a group of pioneering youth who had chosen this spot for their term of national service—future teachers, engineers, clerks, farmers. They are tackling their jobs with vigour and enthusiasm. The question arises — will anyone be able to live here?

Ein Gedi extends over 500 dunams, but not one square metre can be hoed, let alone irrigated. The soil is deeply fissured, strewn with stones, and remnants of ancient terraces cover the ground, dating back perhaps to the time when King Solomon brought a cluster of grapes. Agriculture today is virtually impossible. Yet the colonization of Ein Gedi is a necessity — a necessity as much from the strategic as from the economic viewpoint. At present, even the food for its pioneers must be transported along many miles over difficult tracks. But Ein Gedi will have to be turned into the agricultural hinterland for the Potash works in S'dom and to provide its workers with a supply of fresh vegetables. Moreover, standing as it does on ancient crossroads, it will have to keep guard at the Dead Sea shores and protect the northern flank of this important industrial centre.

Ten years ago, the first stakes were driven into the sands of the Negev when three outposts were established by the Jewish National Fund in Israel's south — G'vulot, Revivim and Bet Eshel. They were not settlements then — no more than Ein Gedi is today — just experimental stations where the rainfall was measured, the soil analyzed, temperatures recorded, humidity gauged, the strength of the winds jotted down, and the adaptability of plants and animals to Negev conditions tested. Only the few in the know were aware of what was at stake. Today, G'vulot has become a prosperous village with a large diamond-polishing workshop; Revivim, after a struggle against heavy odds, has 5,000 dunams under cultivation; Bet Eshel has fallen — it was destroyed by the Egyptian Army in 1948 after its heroic resistance had helped to free Beersheba. But 52 villages have sprung up in the Negev.

A soil reclamation programme has been worked out by experts, which includes clearing rocks, uprooting bushes, filling in the fissures and terracing the slopes. Will it be possible to restore the vineyards of which the Song of Songs speaks? To replant the date palms? To rebuild the oasis among the "rocks of the wild goats"? Should this work be accomplished, then farming will come to Ein Gedi, and not to Ein Gedi only. Similar soil conditions prevail in many places along the Dead Sea shores. Once it is established that this wilderness can be tamed, the plough will cut into new territories and help start a new chain of villages.

HERBERT FREEDEN

Readers' Letters

GUM ON LETTER-FORMS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Our postal service is, on the whole, well run. However, is it really necessary to push economy so far as to stint on the amount of gum used on letter-forms? Must we put up with this ridiculous thriftiness?

Yours etc.,
CITIZEN

Haifa, October 28.

Post Office Replies

The assumption of "Angered "Citizen" that the post-office operates with extreme economy is true, but the quantity and quality of the gum used on letter-forms has nothing to do with economy but is a complicated technical problem. The subtropical climate of our country does not allow the use of a large quantity of gum, and the quality of the gum deteriorates after standing a short time.

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Yours etc.,
POST-OFFICE

Jerusalem, December 10.

Renewed Anti-Zionist Attacks

Satellites Press 'Nationalist' Drive

A COLD anti-Zionist wind has again begun blowing in Eastern Europe. Following hard on recent sentences on the Zionist leaders in Rumania, a military tribunal in Bucharest a few days ago sentenced to ten years in prison a member of the illegal Zionist Party and an employee of the Israel Legation. Little publicity was given to this trial, but the Jewish community was informed through Communist activists that the drive against Zionism has not ceased.

In Budapest, as is reported, the authorities instituted two new trials against Jewish leaders — one a Poale Zionist and the other a member of the Aguda. Both were charged with activities in connection with Jewish immigration to Israel. While the Hungarian Government permitted a number of Jews to leave for Israel a few weeks ago, propaganda for emigration is still considered illegal and a crime against the Communist regime.

Disturbing as these moves are, the fact that the trials were arranged to take place almost simultaneously in the two Iron Curtain capitals with large Jewish communities clearly indicates the Communists' renewed determination to suppress Jewish nationalist tendencies. The trials are designed to terrorize the Jewish communities and deter them from seeking emigration, for which thousands continue to apply despite Communist pressure and the innumerable difficulties placed in their way.

New Drive

The fresh trials also seem to have been arranged to coincide with what Communist propaganda, including Jewish, now calls the need to "reorganize" Jewish life and Jewish communities — a campaign the object of which is clearly to weaken Jewish nationalism still further and to bring the Jewish communities into closer association with other sections of the population in Communist countries.

In Poland, Communist leaders now dominating Jewish life have held several conferences in the past few days, all for the "political re-education" of the Jewish masses. In that campaign, almost all the leading personalities have been engaged, travelling from town to town addressing meetings which the Jewish population has perforce to attend, although the authorities say that it does so voluntarily.

From Czechoslovakia, too, reports state that representatives of the Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia met in Prague recently to redraft the constitution and elect a new Central Council. The new constitution, it would seem, is limited to the Jewish communities in Bohemia proper and does not apply to Jews in Slovakia, who are to have their own constitution and communal organization. The reason for the separation is thought to be that the community in Slovakia is more Orthodox and has, therefore, been unwilling to join with the more liberal elements in Prague, whose submission to Communist domination has been more thorough and complete.

The meeting of the Jews in Prague is stated to have begun with a prayer offered at the New Synagogue, which happens to be the oldest in Prague. After the meeting, an appeal was issued to Jews abroad to cooperate in the peace campaign and oppose German rearmament.

Jewish "Faith"

In the new constitution adopted no reference whatever is made to the Jewish people but merely to the "Jewish faith," whose members, it is stated, now enjoy full rights on the basis of equality with all other religious institutions in the Czechoslovak People's Republic.

The only reassuring item of news from behind the Iron Curtain is that Anna Pauker, former Rumanian Foreign Minister, is at liberty and that all reports of her imprisonment and of her being used for the purpose of staging an anti-Jewish trial have proved groundless. She is reported to be working in a minor post in the Foreign Ministry.

(JCPNS).

ZIONIST LEADER JAILED

VIENNA.— Mr. Arno Osher, a well-known Rumanian Zionist, has been sentenced by a Bucharest military court to ten years in prison for "treason, Zionism, and for conspiring with the Israel Legation," according to reports received here from the Rumanian capital. Until 1948 Mr. Osher was active in the Zionist movement in Transylvania.

Zionist leaders are also facing trial in Hungary. A Budapest court heard charges against Dr. Bela Denes, a leader of the World Poale Zion movement, and Dr. Henrik [illegible], a war-time Secretary-General of the Hungarian Zionist Organization.

This is the second time that Dr. Denes has been tried by the Hungarians. In 1949 he was sentenced to three years in prison by a military court, but he was not released after the expiry of his sentence.

Mr. A. [illegible], a leader of the Hungarian branch of the Agudat Yisrael, will be tried soon on charges of persuading Jews to immigrate to Israel.

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